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In re Application of: Gregory H. Lambrecht et al.
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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby makes the following documents of record in the above-identified application:

U.S. and Foreign Patents

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,827,237, issued 10/27/98 to Macoviak et al.;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,876,367, issued 03/02/99 to Kaganov et al.;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,984,959, issued 11/16/99 to Robertson et al.;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,980,570, issued 11/09/99 to Simpson; and
- (5) PCT International Publication No. WO 00/47139, published 08/17/00 by Heartport, Inc.

A copy of these documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (1 page), are enclosed herewith. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicant respectfully requests that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (1 page), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

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